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SPECIAL MEETING
AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE
MARCH 23, 2010
TOWN HALL-MEETING HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Graziani, David Grim, Leonard Johnson, Alan Lewandosky, Jeffrey Martin, David Milnes, Cheryl Samborski and Michael Varney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Currier

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- February 23, 2010:

MOVED (GRIM), SECONDED (MARTIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 2010 MINUTES OF THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Memorial Day Program – Review Action Items:

Guest Speaker:

Ted Graziani reported that Ted Martin's wife is unavailable to speak at the ceremony. Colonel Frederick R. Miclon Jr. has been suggested as guest speaker.. The committee agreed to invite him. Ted Graziani will contact him by phone to confirm his participation.

Student Participation:

Mike Varney will confirm the student participants.

Flag & Medallion Order:

Mike Varney spoke with Finance Officer, Nick DiCorleto, to confirm the flag and medallion order.

Parade Participants:

Mike Varney sent out letters to all participants last week.

Flyovers:

Jeff Martin reported that the Ellington Center Flyover has been submitted and approved. Mike Varney has sent the request in for the Crystal Lake flyover.

Planting of Flowers:

Ellington Green – The Ellington Women's Club will coordinate the planting of flowers on the green. Pat Tardif is the contact person. Cabin Hill Farm will provide flowers for the four planters at the veteran's monument in Ellington cemetery. Judy Delaney will coordinate that effort.

Crystal Lake Cemetery – will be planted by Len Johnson.

POW/MIA Program:

Len Johnson will meet with Dave Grim at 7:30 on the 6th of May to discuss the MIA program. He will continue to attempt to contact Tim Olmstead with regard to his participation in the ceremony at the High School.

Publicity:

Mike Varney and Len Johnson will compose an entry for the Ellington Connection. Ted Graziani will email the address for Joan Huckaby at North Central News to Len Johnson.

Program Invocation/ Benediction:

A discussion was held relative to including an Invocation and Benediction as part of the program. One consideration was to have a moment of silence after the reading of the names of the Ellington men who gave their lives during war time. The Commission concluded that it was important to continue with the Invocation and Benediction but that it should be ecumenical. Len Johnson will coordinate this action item for the EHS ceremony and Dave Milnes for Crystal Lake.

Ellington High School Band:

David Grim reported that the Ellington High School Band is available for the services and parade. The committee agreed to allow the flag team to twirl their flags as they march. The band will be directed to perform a short march while the colors enter and exit.

Ceremony Programs :

Dave Milne will bring program samples to the next meeting to allow members to fill in the necessary updated information.

IV. FLAG BURNING CEREMONY – JUNE 14:

- Len Johnson will prepare the ceremony.
- Jeff Martin confirmed the attendance of the Scouts.
- The ceremony will take place at 6:30 P.M. at the Center Fire House.
- The American Legion Auxiliary will encourage attendance.
- Len Johnson will compose an article for the Ellington Connection.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented for discussion, other than the fact that the April meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th, has been changed to Wednesday, April 28th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (SAMBORSKI), SECONDED (MARTIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:34 P.M.

Submitted by Cheryl Samborski
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